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To Hasten Peace Talk New Premier Asked To Name Delegates ARMY REFORM PLAN

Nanking, March 22.

The Legislative Yuan today passed an emergency resolution urging the newly appointed Ho Ying-chin Cabinet to send a message to the Chinese Communists requesting them to hasten the appointment of their delegates to peace negotiations and to fix the place for the talks.

Trading Resumed On Gold Bar

Shanghai, March 22. Trading on the Gold Bar Exchange, after a lapse of 13 years, was believed partly responsible for China's inflation. It's own today against foreign currencies and gold prices, both of which showed little change from yesterday.

The United States dollar hovered between GY11,100 and GY11,250 all day and Gold Bar between GY553,000 and GY567,000 an ounce.

Meanwhile, the acute shortage of cash, which is still persisting and the high premium demanded for cashing cheques, coupled with the minute-by-minute devaluation of Gold Yuan are making it increasingly difficult for local wage earners and employers to maintain normal livelihood.—Reuter.

India May Buy Power Equipment From Japan

New Delhi, March 22. There are increasing indications here that India may place large orders for power plant equipment in Japan.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Works, Mines and Power, which is handling hydro-electric schemes, says the main incentive is the early delivery promised by Japanese manufacturers.

Those dates, he says, are well ahead of those mentioned by American and British manufacturers.

Indian power engineers heard at a recent conference here that India "must profitably look to Japan" for electrical equipment. A report prepared by a project officer noted Japan has facilities for manufacturing large steam generators, boiler plants, hydroelectric plants, and other equipment.—Associated Press.

The resolution also asked the Government to fill the existing vacancies on its own official peace delegation. Submitted by Mr. Yung Pu-ti within 24 hours of the announcement of the composition of the Cabinet, the emergency resolution was passed unanimously by the Legislative Yuan, practically without debate.

Communist willingness to hold formal peace negotiations with the Nationalists was reported to have been expressed last month in the exchange of views between the Communist leaders and the Shanghai non-partisan peace delegation.

The two existing Nationalist peace delegates, General Chang Chih-chung and Mr. Shao Li-tse, are expected now to remain in their positions. They were reported earlier to be appointment of Dr. Fu Ping, considering resigning, but the Chang as Foreign Minister is understood to have brightened their belief in the prospects of early peace.

The Nationalist peace formula answering the Communist leader, Mr. Mao Tse-tung's eight peace terms is expected to be considered here again tomorrow.

Acting President Li Tsung-jen today ordered members of the newly formed Ho Ying-chin Cabinet to Nanking where this week they will begin guiding Nationalist China through the greatest crisis in its 22-year history.

New Minister

General Li Tsung-jen urgently cabled all Cabinet appointees now away from the capital to fly here. He summoned the new Foreign Minister, Fu Ping-chung, from Moscow, where he has been stationed as Ambassador to Russia.

Premier Ho Ying-chin rushed preparations for his first Cabinet meeting tentatively scheduled for tomorrow or Thursday. Selection of peace delegates to negotiate with the Communists will head the agenda.

Some hope that peace talks will begin soon came from the Nationalists liaison officer in Peiping.

River Steamer Escapes Unscathed From "Bomb"

The aluminium super-structured river vessel Shih Men had a narrow escape when she was coming down here on Monday night when a "bomb" exploded on her port bow.

No damage was reported, and the Shih Men resumed her journey after a 15-minute inspection.

"We were about 100 yards from the Elliot Barral at 9 p.m. when suddenly a loud explosion shook the ship," Mr. Y. T. Chow, master of the motorship, said yesterday.

Blueprint For Japan's New Budget

Tokyo, March 22. Japanese Government officials were handed a blueprint for the 1949-50 budget totalling around 700,000,000,000 yen today. They were expected to begin an immediate backslog battle for alteration and possibly an increase.

Finance Minister Hayato Ikeda was given the SCAP approved budget in a session this afternoon with Joseph M. Dodge, General MacArthur's economic "adviser" and Headquarters' economic officials, said authoritative Japanese sources.

The new budget, it is understood, includes between 107 and 120 billion yen for occupation costs. This in turn justified a deficit from the current budget.

List Of Delegates

But the Government still faces the grim fact that it has no formal guarantee from the Communists that they will talk peace. The massing of Red troops on the North banks of Yangtze pointed up a problem confronting the Government in the next critical weeks of just plain survival.

The Ministry of National Defence, after a series of top-level discussions today, said it has ironed out broad principles for galvanizing the Nationalist army into a more effective fighting machine. They are:

1. All armed forces to be reduced to only 4,000,000 men;

2. Officers and men to be paid in silver dollars to boost morale;

3. Overlapping military organization to be merged or dissolved;

4. The padding of payrolls to be halted to save expenditure.

These principles are expected to form the outline of army reorganization for the Prime Minister.

At the same time the Legislative Yuan also drafted a 14-point political reform programme for the consideration of the new government. The programme, among other things, provides for drastic cut in armed forces' personnel and organizations, more equitable distribution of power between the central and local governments, revamping of political organs, the conscription and food requisitioning systems, issuance of an auxiliary metallic currency and streamlining of the government's banking system.—United Press.

Meanwhile the Chinese Communist radio today fired a barrage of guns on many Southeast Asian countries for their alleged support to the United States.

Starting off with a repetition of earlier charges that the United States is planning to "subjugate" Taiwan, the broadsheet devoted most of its verbal blasts at the Dutch and at Indonesians who rejected the Communist leadership.

Regarding Taiwan, the broadsheet said, "The people of Taiwan cannot tolerate the scheme of so-called independence fostered by American imperialism and its lackeys for slashing the Taiwan and, even more, annexing Taiwan as a mandated territory."

A Chinese intelligence officer, who recently arrived here, after eight years of duty in Tibet, said, today that the Tibetan government is ready to move in to take over the control of Sikang province, if the Nationalist forces there were reduced much further through General Liu Wen-hua's efforts to regain his lost territory in Szechuan province.

The officer said that Liu was moving troops into Szechuan province in an effort to try to wrest from Wang Lin-shih the territory which he lost 10 years ago when Liu was ousted by his nephew, the late General Liu Shang.

The intelligence officer said the Tibetans are watching closely and, aided by tribal chieftains in Sikang, could make an easy conquest of Sikang.

The vessel is well built, having a double-bottom with three-eighths of an inch thick steel plates, he said. An efficient pump can deal with any emergency.

Normally she ferries between 300 to 400 passengers, but on the last trip we left Canton earlier because of the tide. It was high tide at the time of the incident, Mr. Chow remarked.

This was the first incident of its kind the Shanghai shipping firm has ever experienced.

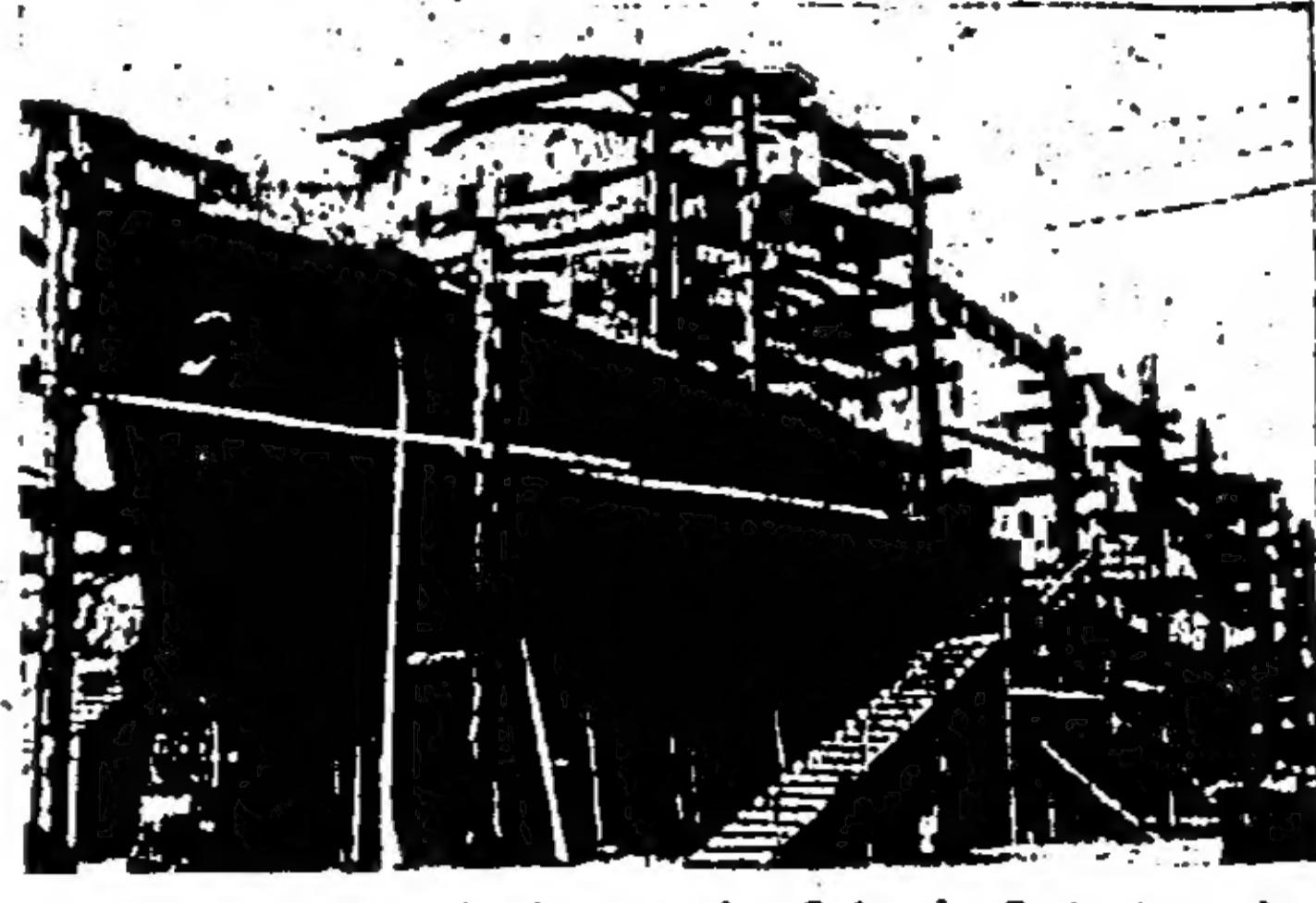
The Shih Men has three sister ships operating on the Hong Kong-Canton run.

They were all built in Canada and equipped with modern sea travelling amenities, including spacious cabins with private bath and closet and a telephone system throughout the ship.

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First Steel River Ship



Six months ago the keel of the Colony's first steel river motorship in a decade was laid with Taoist rites at the Wing On Shing Shipyard at Cheungshawan. Work on the HK\$5,000,000 mv. Tai Loy since then has progressed ahead of schedule and the launching is expected to take place in June during the Dragon Boat Festival. Picture shows the 700-ton de luxe river vessel as she looks today. "China Mail" Photo.

Work On Steel Ship Progressing Rapidly

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

Work on the Colony's first steel river motorship is progressing rapidly and her launching is expected to take place during the June Dragon Boat festival—three months before the dead-line.

The three 600 H.P. Diesel engines of the HK\$5,000,000 de luxe Hong Kong-Macao service vessel are being assembled now and the mv. Tai Loy will probably have her trial run by September.

Six months ago—on September 16, 1948—early at dawn the keel was laid at the Wing On Shing Shipyard with solemn Taoist rites, dispousing Rudyard Kipling's "East is East, West is West, and never the twain shall meet."

Today, propped by sturdy scaffolding, the Tai Loy is gradually taking the shape of what will be a streamlined "floating gem," equipped with all the latest navigation aids including radar, air-conditioning, heating system and possibly theatre.

About 300 labourers, including skilled artisans, are employed daily to work on the vessel, working on a 10-hour schedule.

"Progress has been beyond our expectations, despite the three weeks of lost working days because of bad weather," an official

said. "The vessel is specially built to accommodate 1,000 passengers comfortably for the Hong Kong-Macao service. There is ample cargo space also."

The Tai Loy measures 188 feet long with a 36-foot beam and a depth of 12 feet. Her displacement will be 700 tons with a gross tonnage of about 1,000.

The ship will be fitted with electro-hydraulic steering gear.

Built to the order of Fook Hing Steam Navigation Company of Macao and designed by the owners architect, Mr. T.K. Ching, the Tai Loy was contracted to be delivered within six months. The work of construction is in the hands of Mr. Chu Hong, the Wing On Shing's consultant engineer.

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The report added it is hoped that it will be possible to make an early start on the new scheme.

Daily consumption of water in Hong Kong is about 30,000,000 gallons. Peak consumption was more than 40,000,000 gallons.

A new 8,000,000-gallon-a-day rapid gravity filtration plant is being erected at Stubbs Road.

The work is almost completed. A residential building to house staff at the plant is also under construction.

At West Point, a new 400,000-gallon covered concrete service reservoir has been completed.

Plans for new slow sand filters at Wongneichong to improve the Shouson Hill supply have been prepared but the work has not yet been started.

The rising feeling of nationalism in these countries lies at the root of this change.

"It is more than that," Mr. Zylstra pointed out. "Today the people themselves are better educated and have a higher standard of living than before the war."

For that reason it is becoming increasingly to the advantage of foreign companies to appoint natives in the countries where they have branches to positions of control, rather than to import young men, however promising, from home.

Mr. Zylstra said that a number of young men whom he has met in his travels out here seemed to have realized this and many have decided not to return after their tour of leave.

All round her super-structure, weather-proof sliding glass windows will be installed to provide better view for passengers.

"We hope to equip the Tai Loy with radar and also provide movie entertainment. But nothing

more is planned at present."

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'Lancer' Starts On Sunday

A combined Police-Army-Navy-Air Force exercise to be called "Lancer" will start at midnight on Sunday, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

This will be the second exercise of its kind since the Liberation. The first, named "Futura", was held in December last.

The "Lancer" exercise, to last a week, will be held in the New Territories.

All Police stations on the island and in Kowloon, and all military, naval and air force establishments in the city will be placed on a war footing.

Key installations such as communications, utilities and the waterworks will be guarded by steel-helmeted, armed police. Entry to military and naval organisations will be by special pass only.

HK TRAMWAYS RENDER RECORD SERVICE IN 1948

Reduced-rate student tickets will be issued by the Hong Kong Tramways shortly, Mr. Robert Gordon, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Hong Kong Tramways Limited, told the annual meeting of shareholders yesterday.

Commenting on the progress made during 1948, Mr. Gordon said that in the year under review, trams carried 8,000,000 more passengers than the highest record before the war.

Shortly, to issue a similarly reduced-rate scholar ticket.

"Although we are still handicapped to some extent in matter of the supply of electrical equipment, the delay in obtaining supplies to which I referred last year has been substantially relieved."

"Consequently, the first three new trams intended for service back as far back as 1948 are now in service, the remainder in course of work shop assembly, and provided up-to-date delivery promises for some still outstanding components are honoured, it is expected to have completed the full rehabilitation of all rolling stock and the construction of new trams up to a total of 118 service units by autumn 1949."

"Equipment orders for bringing into commission six further cars have also been placed."

Technical Overlay

Considerable expenditure is being incurred in technical modernisation, including a standardised replacement in traction-motor specification, entrance and exit control and air-powered braking.

"The new standards mark a level considerably higher than ever before attained. A schedule of 40 seconds headway throughout the central districts is now maintained against the 1948 highest frequency of 45 seconds."

"All past records for mileage run, consumption of power, tickets issued in their several classifications, passengers a car-mile and total traffic carried have been left far behind; with the particular feature, entirely contrary to the pre-war relationship, that the most notable increase has been in 1st class traffic which currently registers a proportion of almost one-half of the whole."

More Passengers

"A total of 21,500,000 more passengers were carried than in the preceding year and 53% per cent of that increase is represented by additional 1st class passengers, although our expanded operations provided, proportionately, greater additional third class accommodation."

"Popularity of our special rate monthly ticket is unabated. There are now 37 per cent more regular users of this ticket than in 1941 and the nominal roll of holders grows from month to month. Similar to the 1st class Military ticket, a half-fare Children's ticket was introduced in September."

"Inclusively, although the latter ticket was current during only four months of the year, 13,000,000 passengers availed themselves of these concessions. Conforming to the practice before the war it is the intention,

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Age Profession	Disease	Duration	Weight of iron	Average Haemoglobin	% of red corpuscles	Pressure of the blood
E. M., 50 years, Salesman	Anæmia feverish edema	6 weeks	5.4	42%	70%	102,000-103,000 93 mm Hg
F. L., 19 years, Simpaticus	Chlorosis	7 weeks	4.5	61	50%	100,000-104,000 110 = 150
F. L., 19 years, Simpaticus	Anæmia feverish edema	4 weeks	0.1	64	50%	98,000-99,000 90 = 90
D. E., 31 years, secretary	Anæmia Palpitation	6 weeks	0.8	62%	60%	100,000-102,000 —
V. M., 26 years, Accountant, wife	Chlorosis	6 weeks	0.6	63	50%	60% — —
V. M., 26 years, Saleswoman	Chlorosis	4 weeks	0.7	91%	52%	60% — —
E. M., 15 years, Nervous	Chlorosis	7 weeks	0.3	47	50%	50% — —

From the above figures, it will be seen that the patients show an increase in the quantity of Haemoglobin, in the number of red corpuscles, therefore the results are obtained by giving "Serravalo's Tonic".

I must however remark that this mixture was willingly taken by two patients, to whom other Iron mixtures had been given, but who could not stand them; therefore this must be mentioned as an advantage which this mixture has over others: it never caused any disturbance to the stomach.

On the contrary, patients suffering from Chlorosis will want of appetite (as consequence of parenchymatous disease). "Serravalo's Tonic" proved itself a very powerful appetiser. The same result was obtained in six other cases with anorexia during convalescence after different illnesses and always had a speedy effect.

The increase of appetite was ascribed by the patients themselves to this mixture, and was most willingly taken on account of its agreeable taste. Therefore especially it is the most advisable in cases where the therapeutic use of Iron is intended to act as a tonic to the appetite, such as in primary and secondary Anæmia, in slow convalescence and especially for children.

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Though Outwardly Gay, HK Betrays Cold Apathy

Hong Kong appears to be altogether a gayer, brighter, friendlier city than Singapore, but deep within its heart can be detected a cold apathy.

That is the opinion of a visiting journalist, John Behague, who is also the Commandant of the Malayan Air Training Corps, an organisation identical to that which supplied Britain with young airmen during her hour of need.

Before leaving for Singapore by POAS plane, Mr. Behague told the China Mail: "The majority of people I spoke to during my short stay in Hong Kong seemed reluctant to discuss the future. Few, it appeared, seemed to have given the matter more than a fleeting thought. Most, I found, were far more interested in the tennis championship, favourites for the Lincolnshire Handicap and the local weather forecast than in the issues in China and the West."

"It is fortunate for the social butterflies frequenting the local bright spots that those who direct Government policy are awake to the need for stronger defence measures."

Plans For Future
"I was impressed," he continued, "with plans for the future

Comments On Hong Kong



MR. JOHN BEHAUGE

explained to me in the course of conversations with defence chiefs in Hong Kong."

"It is a pity that those of Hong Kong's armchair critics who are thinking themselves with self-righteous rage over the increased expenditure on defence cannot rouse themselves to analyse the contents of their own newspapers."

Hong Kong might be able to learn something from Singapore's defence organisation, Mr. Behague said.

"But Singapore can learn a lot from Hong Kong, too," he declared. "I was surprised to find that the Hong Kong dollar went almost as far as our Straits dollar, which theoretically is worth twice as much."

Food Prices

Food prices, he said, were on a par with those in Malaya. "But our taxis, bus fares, cinema seats, hotel expenses and prices of general merchandise are definitely cheaper."

On the subject of courtesy and public spiritedness, he had this to say: "I was appalled by the shocking display of bad manners by ferry passengers. Not content with performing acrobatic feats to force themselves to the head of the queue, they use all the tactics of Jude to maintain their position."

Reflecting for a moment, he suggested: "Maybe the best thing to do would be to eliminate ferries altogether and build a tunnel across the harbour, then those who were really in a hurry could walk—or run—and the others could drive their own cars or go by bus."

Coming Events
TOMORROW
Y.M.C.A. Men's Club of Hong Kong, luncheon at Roof Garden, II Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
Combined Debate with Toe H. European YMCA, 8.45 p.m.
Flag Whist (Guest Morning), Women's Section, European YMCA, 10 a.m.
First Aid Lecture, St. John Ambulance Brigade Headquarters, Causeway Bay, 8 p.m.
HK and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, annual general meeting; Exchange Building, 12 noon.
Bank of Canton, Limited, annual general meeting, 3 p.m.
Little Flower Club, annual general meeting, clubhouse, 6 p.m.
Sino-British Club Orchestra rehearsal, Casino Club, 6 p.m.

Saturday
Members' Guest Night, Dinner and Show, European YMCA, 7.30 p.m.
Demonstration of Dek-al Art Work, Women's Section, European YMCA, 10 a.m.

FRIDAY
Hong Kong-Lingnan Universities annual athletic meeting.

HK Art Club, monthly exhibition, Helena May Institute, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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Japanese War Criminal Hanged

A Japanese Army Lieutenant, Fukata Yoshikiko, aged 33, convicted on December 30 last of war crimes, was hanged at Stanley Prison yesterday morning.

At an inquest held at Central Police Station, with Mr. F. X. d'Almada as Coroner, the jury returned a verdict of death by judicial hanging.

S.J. Moalem Discharged

Charged with forging and uttering a Bill of Lading, S.J. Moalem was discharged by Mr. F.X. d'Almada at Central on Monday.

In giving his decision, Mr. d'Almada said: "I am satisfied of the evidence before me that the defendant did not act upon the power of attorney granted him or that he never revoked it."

"The defendant went to Benjamin's office and requested him to sign the Bill of Lading. This was refused and the defendant said: 'If you do not want to sign it, I have a power of attorney.' If this had not been the case and if the power of attorney had been revoked, I feel certain that he would have been informed immediately that his power of attorney had been revoked."

"I must accept the defendant's version as to the power of attorney and I feel that the power of attorney has never been revoked and the arrangement the defendant had with Siddy Benjamin is the more believable version. Defendant is discharged on both counts."

Mr. Sheldon said he wished to point out that there was no vindictiveness on the part of Benjamin in the matter. Benjamin had no alternative as he was forced to prosecute the case by the Chinese Maritime Customs.

Mr. H.G. Sherman, K.C., instructed by Mr. F. Hammond was for the prosecution and Mr. M. A. da Silva was for Benjamin.

Ship Runs Off Course

Thick fog forced the ss. Surprise to run about 700 yards off the normal course into Waglan Point at 1 a.m. yesterday, where she remained aground for 12 hours.

Slight damage was sustained on the bottom, but the cargo was reported safe. There was no leakage.

Assisted by two Takuoo tugs, the 9,000-ton American freighter pulled off at 12.55 p.m. and under her own steam proceeded to Kowloon Bay, where she is undergoing survey by Takuoo divers.

"The Surprise ran around in dense fog when she was travelling at dead slow speed yesterday. She suffered only slight damage but did not take in water," the local agents, United States Line, reported.

Several vessels arriving here yesterday reported being delayed by fog.

**APL's Monroe
Arrives In HK**

The ss. President Monroe arrived here yesterday on another of her "Millionaire Cruises" from Shanghai.

The APL luxurious liner has a large group of business executives and officials aboard, who are making a round-the-world trip.

The monthly exhibition of the Hong Kong Art Club will be held at the Helena May Institute on Saturday at 8 p.m.

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Governor Officiates At Opening Of Rediffusion

Rediffusion in Hong Kong was formally declared open by the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, in a speech over Broadcast Relay Service Rediffusion Studio yesterday evening.

A review of rediffusion and the objects of the enterprise was given by Mr. M. F. Watson, Chairman of Directors of Broadcast Relay Service (Hong Kong) Ltd.

Rediffusion, he said, is a system of broadcasting which, instead of going over the air, goes over wires to the subscriber's home. Reception is, therefore, as nearly perfect as possible, and is not costly.

Though rediffusion went as far back as 1878, it was not until the invention of the vacuum valve and other improvements some 20 years ago to amplify the signals carried over the wire, that real progress has been made.

The Hong Kong project is a child of the parent company in England, which has been operating for some 20 years, with services in Malta and Trinidad and they hope soon to branch out into Singapore and other parts of the Far East.

In Malta more than 18,000 out of a family population of 23,000 were subscribers, and in Trinidad there was a likelihood soon of every family using the service.

From this day will see that the service which we are now opening is not an experiment but something which in the parts of the world have become a daily necessity," said Mr. Watson.

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The rest of the evening was devoted to a programme of music and other selections from the studio. One of the highlights was a piano solo by six-year-old Miss Wu, whose playing was watched by a large number of spectators.

More than 500 guests were entertained to a cocktail party in celebration of the occasion.

HK Govt To Publish Data On Mineral Ores

A survey of the mineral resources of Hong Kong is to be published shortly as a Hong Kong Government Memoir, according to the 1948 annual report of the Government.

The survey contains the findings of a team of geologists of the University of British Columbia who under the direction of the Dean, Mr. R. W. Brock (who has since died) surveyed Hong Kong between 1923 and 1935.

A manuscript copy of the findings has been received by the Government. After some editing it will be published. Government also proposes to print a geological map of the Colony to accompany the Memoir.

The Government's annual report states that the chief minerals mined to date, either by modern European methods or traditionally Chinese surface scratchings, are kaolin, lead, iron and wolfram.

There are few places in the world comparable in area to Hong Kong (391 square miles) which have such a varied geological record, adds the annual report.

A wide range of economic minerals have been found. Not all have been located in sufficiently large deposits to be worth working. It is possible, however, that modern prospecting methods may reveal valuable finds in the future.

Unfortunately, said the report, much of the Colony is covered by a thick infertile type of decomposed rock which effectively masks the solid geology below.

Principal minerals so far identified in Hong Kong are kaolinite, argilliferous galena, wolframite, molybdenite, garnet, pyrite, mica, magnetite, haematite, cassiterite, fluorite, and quartz.

Lead Deposits

Lead deposits are widely scattered throughout the Colony. The lead is usually associated with silver as argilliferous galena. There are fair deposits at Silver Mine Bay, Lead Mine Pass, and Lin Ma Hang.

The mines at Lin Ma Hang were easily the largest and most modern before the outbreak of the Pacific War. They were forced to close down in 1940 when the Japanese sealed off deliveries to China.

At one time, they were producing about 250 tons of lead ore (concentrated) and 7,000 ounces of silver monthly. The Japanese opened the mine during the Occupation.

Iron is everywhere in evidence but the only deposit which so far has attracted a major commercial exploitation is the lenticular magnetite mass at Ma On Shan. Its production is regulated by its chief customer, the Green Island Cement Company.

Wolfram, loosely called tungsten, occurs in several places. It is mined officially and unofficially at Shing Mun, Castle Peak, Ho Chung and Lantau Island.

By far the largest are at Shing Mun, where a European company has the lease. The Japanese kept up a steady production during the Occupation.

Today there are some 100 miners, from these mines which are temporarily closed, panning for placer wolfram in the bed of the Shing Mun River. Their output is presumably sold on the local market.

Kaolin, not excluding the great reserves of building stones and the sand and gravel deposits, is certainly the most valuable of the proved deposits in the Colony both in quantity and quality.

It occurs everywhere in varying degrees of purity ranging from the best ball clay to the coarse varieties.

Of the many deposits now being worked, the pit at Cha Kwo Ling is the most valuable and productive.

Much of the clay from this pit is exported to Japan. Some is used locally in the ceramic industry.

Elsewhere, other deposits are found for the various brick, face powder, tooth powder and rubber companies.

HK TRADE

An increase in the Colony's imports and a decrease in exports were registered during last month, according to official statistics released yesterday.

Total imports for February amounted to HK\$101,695,087 as compared with HK\$109,335,282 in January, and HK\$131,243,468 in February 1948.

Imports showed an increase of HK\$2,259,105 during February when compared with the figures of January.

Exports in February amounted to HK\$135,464,363 as compared with HK\$171,811,389 in January—a reduction of HK\$36,357,036. The amount in February last year was HK\$128,365,363.

Total imports for the first two months of the year amounted to HK\$320,931,089 as compared with HK\$270,908,576 in the first two months of 1948. Exports totalled HK\$307,265,742 as compared with HK\$206,601,745.

Food Situation In Far East

The food situation for the Far East this year is encouraging, according to Mr. Manuel V. Cordeiro of the National Rice and Corn Corporation of Manila.

Mr. Cordero, who arrived here yesterday from Bangkok where he attended the Food and Agriculture Organisation conference, said that crops for the current year should be better than those in 1948 and 1947.

Production conservation, distribution and the enrichment of rice were discussed at the conference, he said.

SALVATION ARMY DRIVE

Following are the latest contributions to the Salvation Army:

Previously acknowledged HK\$47,40. The Sun Co., Ltd. \$100; The Wing On Co., Ltd. \$200; Oriental Travel and Transport Service \$10; Mr. and Mrs. G. Wilby \$50; K. Shekwan and Sons \$20; Imperial Chemical Industries \$10; Hainanese \$10; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Elton \$10; D. Lowe \$10; Mr. G.O. Li \$10; Chinese Insurance Association of H.K. \$10; Wing On Shing Shuiway \$10; Mr. Mak Ying Kee \$20; Overseas Machinery and Auto. Co. \$50; T.C. Yuen \$10; C.Y. Kwan and Co. \$50; T.C. Yuin and Co. \$10; China Firms \$20; Kuanlin and Co. \$20; George Lee and Sons \$10; Bowral China Co. \$10; The Tung Tien Trading Co. \$10; The American Express Co. \$100; Mr. Robert Ho Tung \$500; Cambridge Venetian Blinds Co. \$10; K. Caudron \$20; Societé Commerciale Asiatique \$20; The Shanghai Union Co. \$10; The Home Kons and Shanghai Jardine, Matheson & Co. \$100; Vera D.A. Strike \$20; Mercury \$20; China Emporium \$100; Te Hu Sungshih Co. \$20; Walter Trading Co. \$10; Ching Cheung Co. Ltd. \$10; Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Seville \$50 = Total \$46,102.40.

ARMED ROBBERY

Three armed men forced their way into the first floor of 38 Boundary Street last night and took \$220 in cash. They searched the house for more than half an hour, before they escaped.

According to the police, no one was injured.

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Meat Shortage

Sir.—With reference to your editorial of the 19th, in which you state your opinion of the causes of the meat shortage etc. in Britain, I would appreciate it if you would let me know what meat, produced outside the Food Ministry has left unsupplied. I always thought the Government had literally "combed" the world for meat supplies. I am sure France is the latest supplier of small quantities. I am sure Mr. Strachey would really appreciate my advice on this matter.

We all deplore this latest cut in meat; in fact the present food rations, are in my opinion, reaching a dangerous level. No doubt the whole matter is giving the Government grave cause for concern, especially when we come up against unscrupulous people like "Shylock Peron" who is trying to make capital out of a country bled dry by the great "Fight for Freedom".

I do not think it fair to compare this war years with the present time. During the war, as you say, we had Lease Land; another factor to take into consideration is the fact that we were holding very large stocks of all kinds of food. Since the war, apart from the fact that Lease Land was immediately stopped, our stocks were down to a few months, and since then we have been living month by month. Whilst I admire Lord Wootton, I doubt very much whether he could have done better than the present Food Minister.

You state that the Socialists are petitioning the working classes in order to obtain votes. If giving the workers their rights, or in other words a square deal, is petting them, I guess they are being petted; on the other hand, what disgusts a lot of people, is the fact that they are carrying out their election promises, and in no uncertain manner. Whether what they are doing is going to be a success remains to be seen.

Judging by recent election results, the people of Great Britain mean to let them finish the job.

C.H.M.L.

Editor's note: A response to the above letter will be found in today's leading article, on page 6.

Briton's View

Sir.—The letters in today's issue of the "China Mail" from "Simple Simon" and from "S42" on the much-worn subject of Mr. "Die-hard" Woodhead, express the views of a very large number of Britons.

A great many of us are heartily sick of the never-ending stupidity of the articles of O. M. Green—J. O. P. Blond—H. G. Woodhead school.

Many thousand tons of valuable newsprint have been wasted in the past half-century by these three, who have done much to create misunderstanding and ill-will between the East and the West, by hammering home their views in such a manner as to give the unthinking the impression that they are the views of the Britons.

They decidedly are not.

BRITON.

Savage Pipe

Sir.—May I through your esteemed paper call the attention of the appropriate authority to the damaged condition of the main sewage pipe into which the residents of No. 49-62 Gloucester Road drain their slops. For the last two months, it has been out of function, and our back-yards have been continually flooded by filthy water. The accumulated filth not only affords good breeding ground for mosquitoes and flies but also is a menace to public health in the approaching summer.

S. CHEN.

HK Tramways Render Record Service in 1948

(Continued from Page 1)

Traffic Receipts Up

Owing to the augmented facilities offering throughout the year there was an increase of 23 per cent in traffic receipts. In this regard it must be noted that direct working expenses, now 100 per cent higher than the pre-war basis, are still in the ascendency.

"Your Company is today employing a labour force over 70 per cent numerically greater than in 1941. The wage factor of costs alone now bears a relationship of one-third to expenses, a considerably higher ratio than ever before, while our consumption of electric energy totals over three times the pre-war expense.

"Nevertheless, improvement is reflected in the balances brought in to Profit & Loss from Working Account. After allowing for Depreciation, Taxation and Donations, and crediting supplementary income, Net Profit for the year is \$3,700,158, of which \$218,328 is derived from Investment and profit on working assets.

This result is \$1,204,351 better than shown for the year 1947.

"Adding the balance of \$241,729 carried forward from previous account, an amount of \$3,941,397 stands for appropriation. A 65-cent Interim Dividend subject to tax, absorbing \$985,250 was paid in September. Your Directors have transferred the sum of \$346,885 to General Reserve and the sum of \$350,000 to Special Contingencies Account as further provision against increasing liabilities devolving upon service termination conditions. Additionally, \$450,000 has been credited to Development and Disengagement Reserve.

"This new reserve is created in accordance with present-day accounting practice to care for certain fixed assets which, due to inflated replacement costs, cannot now be covered for reversion by normal depreciation and assets which, although serviceable in use, may for technical reasons be superseded by new equipment before extinction in value over the relative written-down life.

"The recommendation before meeting of a final dividend of \$1.5 share less tax will leave, after the allegations I have detailed, a carried forward balance to next year of \$75,762.

"The sum of \$184,115 credited in General Reserve Account is capital surplus realized against written-down book value, upon Crown resumption, under The Airfield Extension & Reversion Ordinance 1948, of land formerly owned at Kai Tak.

Other Items

"Special contingencies provision as shown in the last issued accounts covered reservations both for the then assessed employees service conditions requirement, already mentioned, and for accruing taxation. These items are now set out in the present Balance Sheet as separate headings.

"Investment Account has been increased by \$42,019 and in comparison to year-end quotations the margin, though quite satisfactory, has narrowed upon decline in stock market values since last year. Additions in the asset House and Other Property arise upon continued restoration now reaching completion, of staff residential premises commenced in 1940 and reported at intervening Annual Meetings.

"The improvement in our supply position is evidenced by the totals of stocks on hand and goods in transit aggregating more than \$1,000,000 against just more than \$900,000 at the time a year ago.

"We are shortly to lose two long-serving senior officials, Mr.

Chun Ying, aged 55, received a sentence of one month and a recompence for banishment, while Wong Shiu Ying, aged 20, received an extra sentence of four weeks for having in his possession a piler and a length of iron wire.

They were all manhandled and forced into an office, and some men were ordered to keep guard over them.

They were released only when Mr. Elston, DCI, had interviewed the manager.

Further evidence was given yesterday by two prosecution witnesses, Hasan Mohamed, formerly employed by the Ritz Guards as ticket collector, and another police constable.

After cross-examination by defence counsel, hearing is adjourned to this afternoon.

TWO SENTENCED

Two men, who were flashing torches at 3.45 in the morning in lanes in New Village Street could not give any reasonable explanation for their action to the magistrate of Central yesterday.

Chun Ying, aged 25, received a sentence of one month and a recompence for banishment, while Wong Shiu Ying, aged 20, received an extra sentence of four weeks for having in his possession a piler and a length of iron wire.

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JOHN ELSTON

John Elston, DCI, has been sentenced to five months' imprisonment for breaking and entering into a house and stealing a radio.

He was also fined £10 and costs £5.

Elston was charged with breaking and entering into a house in New Village Street, Central, and stealing a radio.

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FRANCIS WU.

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ANNUAL DINNER

THE ANNUAL DINNER WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 20TH NEXT (GRAND NATIONAL NIGHT) AT THE SPORTS CLUB, KING'S BUILDING (by kind permission of the Chairman and Committee) AT 8 P.M. THOSE EX-MEMBERS WISHING TO ATTEND ARE KINDLY REQUESTED TO NOTIFY J.K.R. MACGREGOR ESQ., c/o CALDBECK MAGGREGOR & CO., LTD., 2 CHATER ROAD, BEFORE NOON ON FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH.

DRESS:—BLACK TIE.

HONGKONG LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION

NOTICE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in the Board Room of the South China Morning Post Ltd. (by kind permission) on Wednesday, 30th March 1949, at 5.30 p.m.

AGENDA

- (1) Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
- (2) To receive the report of the Honorary Secretary.
- (3) To receive the accounts of the Honorary Treasurer.
- (4) To elect officers for the ensuing year.
- (5) General Business.

W. HONG SLING,
Hon. Secretary.

LAMMERT BROS.

Auctioneers, Surveyors and Appraisers, Pedder Building, Telephone No. 20224.

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THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY LIMITED. (INCORPORATED IN HONG KONG)

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-eighth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Company Limited, Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Monday the 11th day of April, 1949, at Noon, to transact the following business:

1. To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.

2. To sanction a dividend in respect of the year 1948.

3. To elect two Directors.

4. To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 28th March, 1949 to the 11th April, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

G. B. S. THOMSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 21, 1949.

THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

Notice To Shareholders

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Second Floor, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong) on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of March, 1949, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948, and to re-elect a Director and appoint Auditors.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Notice to Members

Australian Subscription Ponies 1950

The Stewards have ordered a batch of 100 Australian Subscription Ponies to race in 1950 and they now invite Members to subscribe for them.

An application form has been posted to every Member. In the event of non-delivery further forms may be obtained at the Club's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

The Subscription List will close with THURSDAY, 31ST MARCH, 1949.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 21, 1949.

Service Auction Rooms

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A. S. G. Walton,
QUARTERING AUTHORITY.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.

Ordinary Yearly General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the ordinary yearly general meeting of shareholders of the company will be held at the Head Office of the company, 8, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 23rd March, 1949 at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1948 and for the appointment of Directors and Auditors and declaration of dividends.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from the 18th day of March to 23rd March, 1949 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares will be registered.

By order of the Board,

D. S. YUAN,
Chairman.

Hong Kong, March 8, 1949.

Indian Delegate On Way To Tokyo

Mr. K. N. Kaul, Indian Government representative to the Sterling and Trade Conference in Tokyo, passed through Hong Kong yesterday.

The purpose of the forthcoming conference is to review the accomplishments of the past year and make plans for the future, he said.

On the same plane with Mr. K. N. Kaul, a cousin of the Indian Government delegate, also headed for Tokyo.

Mr. H. P. Kaul, who represents the Webbing and Belting Factory Limited of Delhi, said that he would not be attending the trade conference during his forthcoming visit in Japan. He will investigate the possibilities of purchasing textile machinery for his firm.

POST OFFICE MAIL NOTICE

Outward Mails

OUTWARD AIRMAIL SCHEDULE

TO UNITED KINGDOM

Commencing from Jan. 1, 1949, the following Airmails to United Kingdom will be closed on Mondays and Thursdays at Kowloon GPO 4.30 p.m. and Hong Kong GPO 5 p.m. (Registered mail half an hour earlier).

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary Post. Registered and Parcel Posts close at 8 p.m. on the previous day.

Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing time.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

Closing Times by Air

Canton and Hankow (Kowloon GPO) 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m. (GPO) 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m.

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) Noon, (Ord.) 12 p.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking and Tsinan; Airmail for Fuzhou, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Sydney, (Parcels) 1 p.m., (Reg.) 2 p.m., (Ord.) 3 p.m.

Singapore, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt and United Kingdom via London, (Reg.) 9.30 a.m., (Ord.) 10 a.m.

Shanghai, 10 a.m.

USA, Canada and Central South America via San Francisco, (No Parcels for Canada), (Parcels and Reg.) 2.30 p.m., (Ord.) 3 p.m.

Japan, 2 p.m.

Manila, Macassar, Mauritius and South Africa via Durban, 3 p.m.

Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta, 3 p.m.

Hainan, 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

Closing Times by Air

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Kunming and Liuchow; Airmail for Amoy, Nanking and Tsinan, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Kweli; Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, Batavia, Colombo, Brunei and Auckland, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Airmail for Singapore, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

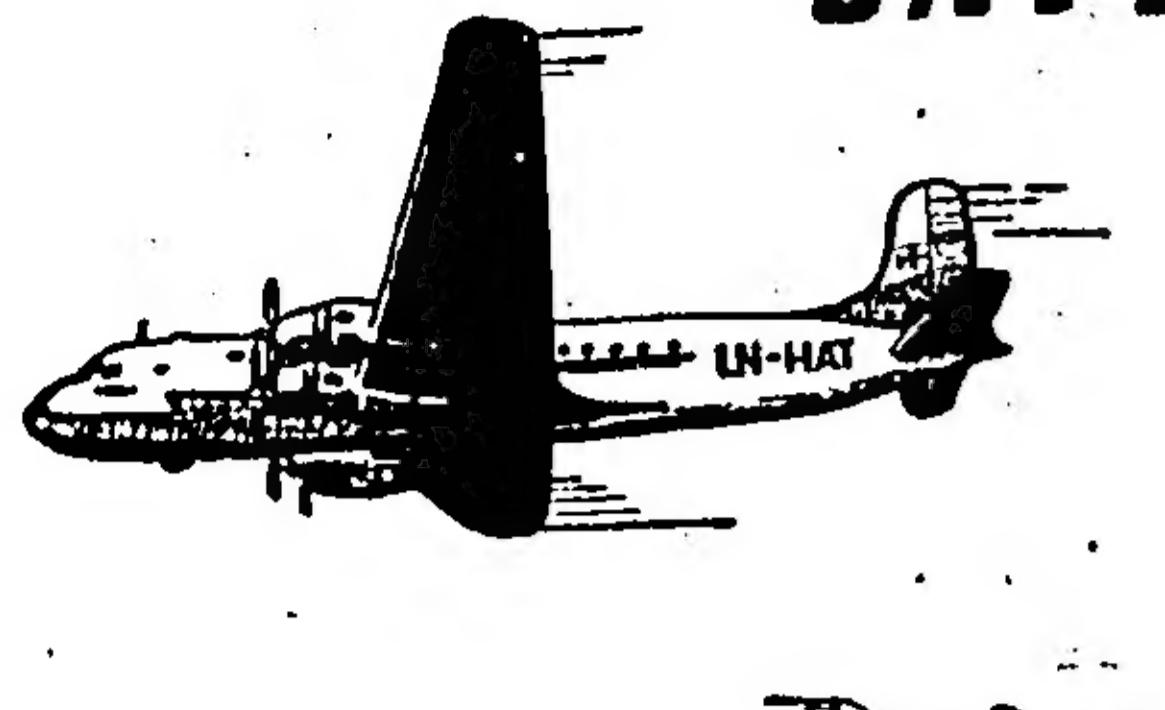
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WINSTON CHURCHILL'S WAR MEMOIRS: THE SECOND BOOK

THEIR FINEST HOUR

Planning For Offence

By Winston Churchill

After much painful effort and at the cost of grave risks, we have so far as our land forces are concerned now built up a reasonably adequate defensive force here. We should presently be in a position to undertake certain offensive operations which if successful may have far-reaching effects on the course of the war as a whole.

It would surely be a bad strategy to allow ourselves to be diverted from this task, and it would be employing our forces in fragments in a theatre of war where they cannot be decisive. . . . The best way in which we can help Greece is by striking at Italy, and we can do that most effectively from areas where our strength has been developed and where our plans are laid. I am anxious to put before you in detail at the earliest date the dispositions and plans which have been worked out here, and propose . . . to return home by the shortest route, leaving on the third.

Assent was given, and the Secretary of State began his journey. He got back home on November 8, and came that evening after the usual raid had begun to see me in my temporary underground abode in Piccadilly. He brought with him the carefully-guarded secret which I wished I had known earlier.

Nevertheless, no harm had been done. Mr. Eden unfolded in considerable detail to a select circle, including the C.I.G.S. and General Ismay, the offensive plan which General Wavell and General Wilson had conceived and prepared. No longer were we to await in our fortified lines at Mersa Matruh an Italian assault, for which defensive battle such long and artful preparations had been made. On the contrary, within a month or so we were ourselves to attack. The operation was to be called "Com-

pas." Light Forces
Marshal Graziani's Italian army now above 80,000 strong, which had crossed the Egyptian frontier, was spread over a 50-mile front, in a series of fortified camps which were separated by wide distances, and not mutually supporting, and with no depth in the system. Between the enemy's right flank at Sofas and his next camp at Nibewa there was a gap of over 20 miles. The plan was to make an offensive spring through this gap and, turning towards the sea, attack Nibewa camp and the Tummar group of camps in succession from the West—that is to say, from the rear.

Meanwhile, both the Sofaf camp and the camp at Maltikha, on the coast, were to be contained by light forces. For this purpose there were to be employed the 7th Armoured Division, the 4th Indian Division, now complete, and the 10th British Infantry Brigade, together with a composite force from the garrison of Mersa Matruh.

This plan involved a serious risk, but also offered a glittering prize. The risk lay in the launching of all our best troops into the heart of the enemy's position by a move of 70 miles on two successive nights over the open desert, and with the peril of being observed and attacked from the air during the intervening day. Besides this, the food and petrol had to be nicely calculated, and if the time-scale went wrong the consequences must be grave.

The prize was worthy of the hazard. The arrival of our van guard on the coast at Big-Bug-outhereabouts would cut the communications of three-quarters of Marshal Graziani's army. Attacked by surprise from the rear, they might well be forced as a result of vigorous fighting into mass surren-

ter off in the long run than the skilled lawyer, doctor, draughtsman, civil engineer, journalist, chartered accountant, scientist, professor? How much of this world's goods and services should a lather-hand or a furnace-man receive compared with his schoolmate who builds up a thriving small business by his own energies, or a surgeon who has taken a lifetime to perfect his skill?

In which connection, it is only fair to remark on our correspondent's truthful claim, that the Labour Government is carrying out its election pledges. Yes, it is, but that does not endear it to the very large minority who have never voted for it. Certainly the by-elections have been won, but usually only by a 10 or 15 per cent majority. The others were those who do not matter "a tinker's cuia" to the powers that be in Whitehall, even though they may have contributed their small part in the past to making Britain great.

By all means give the "working" man a fair deal. But first of all, what is a "fair deal"? Does it really mean that he has to be bet-

tered. In this case the Italian front would be irretrievably broken. With all their best troops captured or destroyed, no force could be left capable of withstanding a further onslaught, nor could any organised retreat be made to Tripoli along the hundreds of miles of coastal road.

An ironic touch is imparted to this event by the fact that on this very day the Italian Air Force at the express wish of Mussolini had taken part in the air attack on Great Britain, where they had lost 13 aircraft. These might have found better employment defending their fleet at Taranto.

All Delighted

Here, then, was the deadly secret which the generals had talked over with their Secretary of State. This was what they had not wished to telegraph. We were all delighted. I purred like six cats. Here was something worth doing. It was decided there and then, subject to the agreement of the Chiefs of Staff and the War Cabinet, to give immediate sanction and all possible support to this splendid enterprise, and that it should take first place in all our thoughts and have, amid so many other competing needs, first claim upon our strained resources.

In due course these proposals were brought before the War Cabinet. I was ready to state the case or have it stated. But when my colleagues learned that the generals on the spot and the Chiefs of Staff were in full agreement with me and Mr. Eden, they declared that they did not wish to know the details of the plan, that the fewer who knew them the better, and that they whole-heartedly

approved it.

In order to appreciate the limitations of human action, it must be remembered how much was going on in every direction at the same time. Nevertheless it remains astonishing to me that we should

acquire the knowledge and experience of Franklin Roosevelt. None could equal his commanding gifts. His own relations with him had been most carefully fostered by me, and seemed to have reached a degree of confidence and friendliness which was vital factor in my thought. To close the slowly-built-up comradeship, to break the continuity of all our discussions, to begin again with a new mind and personalism, seemed to me a repellent prospect. Since Dunkirk, I had not been conscious of the same sense of strain. It was with indescribable relief that I received the news that President Roosevelt had been re-elected.

The Corner

The story of Suda Bay is sad. The tragedy was not reached until 1941. I believe I had as much direct control over the conduct of the war as any public man had in any country at this time. The knowledge I possessed, the fidelity and active aid of the War Cabinet, the loyalty of all my colleagues, the ever-growing efficiency of our war machine, all enabled an intense focusing of constitutional authority to be achieved. Yet how far short was the action taken by the Middle East Command of what was ordered and what we all deserved!

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"H.K. Industry, Imp. Preference." Any resemblance in this little squeeze merchant is purely coincidental.

U.S. news item: "No strategic materials for the USSR." "Imports of Russian chrome and manganese doubled last month." Who's afraid of the big bad wolf?

The Soviet delegation in Cuba has protested against carnival masks resembling Stalin. Flattery is not the sincerest form of flattery.

"Here is a job for the handyman. Instead of throwing away those empty food tins, save them until you have say 30 or 40. Remove their bottoms, solder them together, and you have an exceedingly useful drainpipe." Right, done it? You do need a drainpipe, don't you?

"A lusty young engineer" gives a report on dance hostesses in Canton. No reflection is meant on his moral character.

"9.15, 'Authority and the Individual,' by Bert and Russell." Sunday paper radio programme. Gert and Daisy next week?

"Dancing is in my blood, you know." Then you must have poor circulation. It hasn't got to your feet."

A man was being shown over a factory. "That machine," said his guide, "does the work of 30 men."

"Ah," sighed the visitor, "at last I've seen what my wife should have married."

"During the past year she has been attending a college of liberal rats." A liberal rat is one that wants to give a pound of cheese to every mouse.

Murphy's grandfather thinks most old men give good advice in order to console themselves for no longer being in condition to set a bad example.

Wife to irate husband: "Normally I wouldn't dream of opening a letter addressed to you, this one was marked 'private'."

Gossip note: "They had their friends in last night for a house-warming."

Memorial to Shakespeare. Bill before Parliament next week.

—William to you.

house near Oxford. Ditchley is only four or five miles away from Blenheim. In these agreeable surroundings I received the Ambassador.

Lothian seemed to me a changed man. In all the years I had known him he had given me the impression of high intellectual and aristocratic detachment from vulgar affairs. Alry, alwy, aloof, dignified, censorious, yet in a light and gay manner, he had always been good company. Now, under the same hammer that beat upon us all, I found an earnest, deeply-stirred man. He was primed with every aspect and detail of the American attitude. He had won nothing but goodwill and confidence in Washington by his handling of the Destroyer-cum-Bases negotiations. He was fresh from intimate contact with the President, with whom he had established a warm personal friendship. His mind was now set to the Dollar problem; this was grim indeed.

In mid-November Lord Lothian had recently flown home from Washington, spent two days with me at Ditchley. I had been advised not to make a habit of staying at Chequers every week-end, especially when the moon was full, in case the enemy should pay me special attention. Mr. Ronald Tree and his wife made me and my staff very welcome from time to time at their large and charming

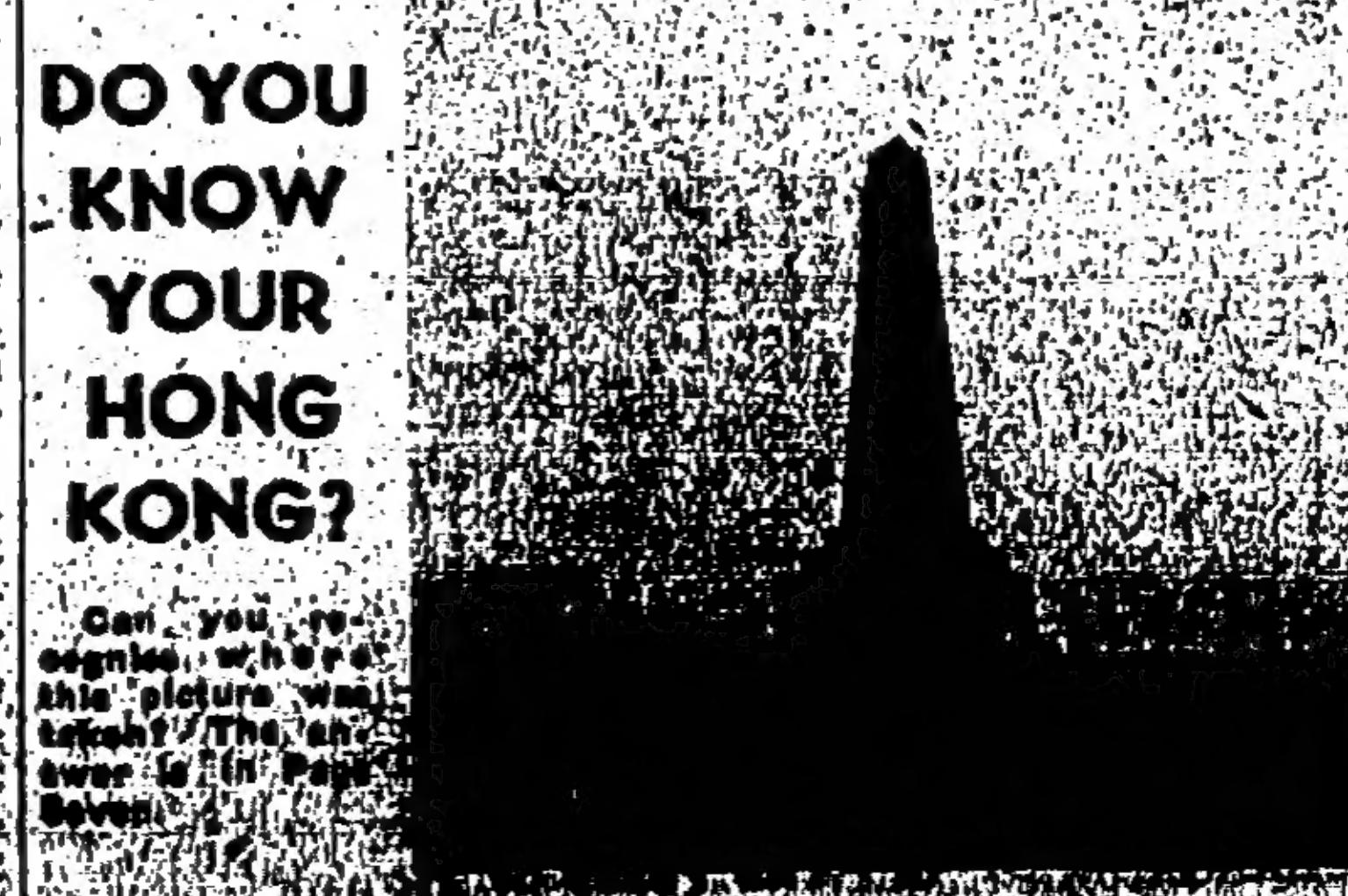
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NECESSITY FOR NEW DEFENSIVE STRATEGY IN THE PACIFIC

RULES FOR N. CHINA TRADING

Shanghai, March 21.

The Chinese Communist radio tonight announced regulations under which trade will be permitted with Communist-occupied China.

The broadcast disclosed the formation of a Foreign Nationals Affairs section in the Communist People's Government for North China.

The broadcast said: "Foreign commercial bodies destined for trading with North China and which observe the policies and decrees of the People's Government are permitted to appoint representatives for trade with this area."

The radio said that such foreign traders must be recommended by the new Foreign Nationals Affairs section.

Both importers and exporters must obtain licences from the North China Trade Bureau or most Chinese businessmen desiring to proceed abroad.

The broadcast said that all trade contracts between Chinese and foreign firms must be ratified by the Trade Bureau.—United Press.

Cancer Diagnosis Appeal Upheld

London, March 21.

A surgeon who was said to have wrongly diagnosed in 1942 that a patient, an American, would die of cancer in a few months, today appealed successfully against a £6,300 damages award.

Communist Plot In America?

New York, March 21.

A Government attorney told a Federal Judge and Jury in New York today that the 11 leading United States Communists before them on a charge of conspiracy could touch the fuse to a revolution of force and violence in the United States.

He accused the party leaders of teaching by means of classes and schools that the classic model for the violent overthrow of the United States Government is the Russian revolution of October, 1917. He accused the 11 accused of organising the party in 1945 to advocate the violent overthrow of the Government.

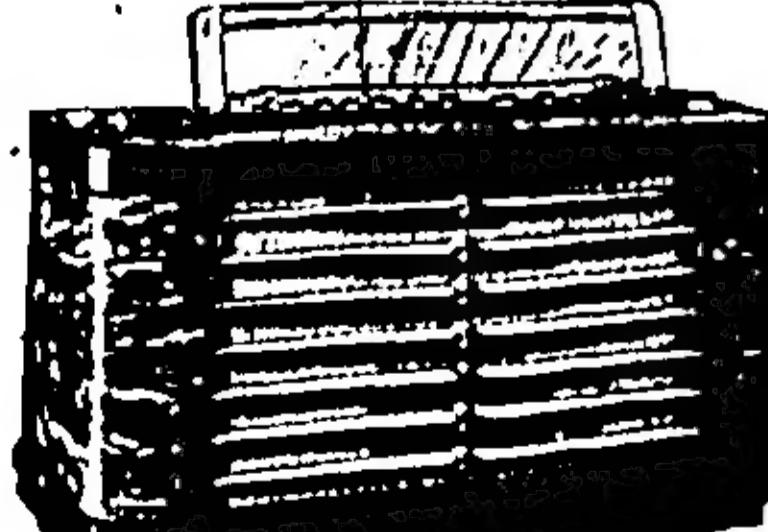
One of the accused, Eugene Dennis, General Secretary of the Party, spoke of the sinister purpose behind this heresy trial. He said that the liberties of the whole American people hinged on the outcome of the case. He denied the attorney's charge that the Party principles advocate force and violence in overthrowing the United States Government.

The attorney, Mr. John McGovern, said the 11 accused from the National Board of the American Communist Party, which could decide the fine for the revolution.—Reuter.

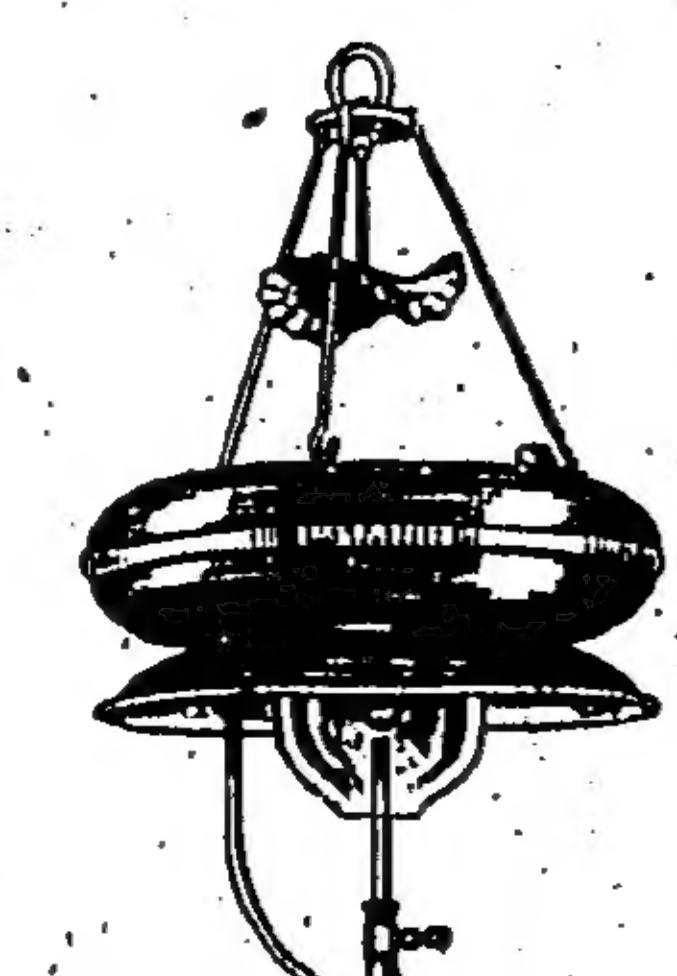
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COMMONS QUERY ON NEW PACT

London, March 21. Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, informed a questioner in the House of Commons today that so far as he is aware there have been no negotiations or discussions for the conclusion of regional pacts other than the Atlantic Pact.

Mr. John Langford Holt (Conservative) asked whether in view of the overwhelming support which the Atlantic Pact has in this country such regional pacts are envisaged by the Government.

Mr. Mayhew replied that the Atlantic Pact has not been signed yet. "Perhaps we had better do that first," he said.—Reuter.

FLU EPIDEMIC IN BRITAIN

London, March 22. Influenza is sweeping Britain, two months after it hit the European Continent.

The Ministry of Health reported yesterday that deaths from the disease in London and the bigger towns in Britain and Wales last week totalled 321—300 per cent more than during any week last year.—Associated Press.

Japanese Buffer.

Regarding Japan, these sources say that the Communist successes in China are likely to strengthen the American desire to maintain Japan as a strong buffer between herself and Asia.

Reliable sources in New Delhi said today that the Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, will attend the Commonwealth Conference in London next month. The conference will discuss matters arising from the meeting of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers last October.

Mr. Nehru, who holds the Foreign Minister's portfolio, will leave New Delhi in the middle of April for the conference. He will be accompanied by Sir Gurja Shankar Balaji, Secretary-General of the Foreign Ministry.—United Press.

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Japan's Victory In Local Elections

Queuille's Victory In Local Elections

Paris, March 21.

Henri Queuille's middle of the road Government won Franco's local elections, the Interior Minister said tonight.

The result of Sunday's polls was: 51.12 per cent of the vote to the parties in the Government, 48.88 per cent to the Government's bitter opponents—the Communists and followers of General de Gaulle.

The consensus of neutral observers is that M. Queuille's pro-West Government has been strengthened by the Government.

It should not be forgotten that the parties in the Government are united, at least temporarily, in a coalition cabinet while M. Queuille's opponents are divided.

De Gaulle won something of a personal success in polling 25.34 per cent of the vote, the largest gathered, by any single party.

But the Government still has two to one advantage over the General, who wants to take power to give France what he says is the strong leadership she needs.

Still A Force

The Communists also showed they are still a force to be reckoned with—despite the Atlantic Pact, the European Recovery Programme and the Berlin airlift.

They polled the second highest number of votes, 23.54 per cent. But the Government also has a two to one advantage over the



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HOME SECRETARY BANS LONDON PROCESSIONS

RAF Man Sentenced In Kenya

Nairobi, March 21. Aircraftsman Peter Jeffrey Riley, aged 20, was sentenced to eight months' hard labour for manslaughter by the Kenya High Court in Nairobi today. He had been charged with murdering an elderly African woman by shooting.

Possing sentence, the Judge said he agreed with the jury's verdict. Addressing Riley, he said: "You have come to Kenya, a land of mixed communities, and should realise there can be no discrimination in the application of the law or the sentence as between various races."

"There must be one and the same law for the European, African and Asian and one and the same standard of punishment."

The judge said he found it impossible to bind Riley over because some might think homicide could be easily overlooked. He hoped the sentence would mean that Riley could return to the Royal Air Force and eventually to England, forgetting this deplorable event in his young life.

Some might think the sentence lenient, but it was passed because if Riley had not been given the gun he would not have been on trial, and also because he was a young man with a good record.—Reuter.

Vienna, March 21. A British soldier and his skiing companion, an Austrian carpenter, were tonight found frozen to death in the Schnealpen district, only 150 metres from a mountain hut where they might have found safety.

An Alpine rescue squad brought the bodies to the mortuary of Kapellen, Styria.—Reuter.

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All political processions in the London area have been banned for three months by the Home Secretary, Mr. James Chuter Ede.

The announcement came less than 24 hours after big clashes in the East End of London between anti-Fascists and supporters of Sir Oswald Mosley, the pre-war Fascist leader.

Mr. Chuter Ede, who made his statement to the House of Commons, said: "I regret it is necessary to take this step, but it is intolerable that the streets of the metropolis should be made a battleground for opposing factions."

The Home Secretary said he had been informed by the Commissioner of Police that the powers conferred on him are not sufficient to enable him to prevent serious public disorder being caused by political processions, and he had, therefore, asked that such processions be banned.

A ban on political demonstrations, imposed in April, 1948, after Mosley supporters had announced their intention of staging similar marches, ended on February 6 this year.

Several hundred police on horseback and on foot fought off thousands of demonstrators in the East End, last night to protect a march of 150 Mosleyites from Ridley Road, scene of many previous clashes, to Tottenham, North London.

The procession was to pass through a predominantly Jewish area. Ten police were injured in the disturbances, which paralyzed traffic over a large area.

Police Target

Mr. Chuter Ede said that the police, anticipating that disorders might arise on the route chosen by Mosley's Union Movement, prescribed a different route, which was not disclosed to the organisers until yesterday morning, with the object of preventing the route from being publicly advertised.

He said that 20 arrests were made during attempts to interfere with the Union meeting in Ridley Road and to interfere with the march.

Mr. Chuter Ede said that when the procession arrived at its destination, where a further meeting was intended, it was found that the place was occupied by four other meetings. The police therefore ordered the marchers to disperse forthwith.

He added: "When their opponents discovered that the procession had already dispersed, they diverted their animosity to the police. Milk bottles, lumps of concrete, hurricane lamps and, in fact, any available missile were hurled by the crowd, and in each case the target was the police."

Rioters In Court

Attempts were also made to interfere with the mounted police by throwing marbles and ball bearings on the road. A further nine arrests were made by the police at this stage.

Mr. Chuter Ede said that 10 policemen were injured, but none seriously.

"So far as the police are aware, no personal injuries were suffered by members of the public and at no time did the police use or draw their truncheons. About 400 police were employed in keeping order."

Sabotage Behind Series Of Fires

Istanbul, March 21. Unofficial quarters link the Communists with a series of mysterious fires and explosions which have destroyed large amounts of Turkish military property in the past few weeks.

One official pointed to the hospital wing damaged by fire. No casualties were announced. On March 12, at Dagyanice military base near Istanbul, fire swept a large ammunition dump and caused an explosion felt for miles. First reports said there were casualties, later reports said there were none. Reporters were barred from the scene.

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On March 14, a building at Ishlublays, housing a military recruiting office, was destroyed by fire. After the March 10 fire at Tuzla, the commander of the First Army in Istanbul asked newspapers not to publicise the incidents and in general the newspapers complied.

On March 10 at Tuzla, near Izmir naval base, a large military radar station containing equipment sent by the United States was destroyed by fire.

On March 11, at Adana, South of Anatolia, a modern military

hospital wing was damaged by fire. No casualties were announced.

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Teen Agers At Sports:

The Inter-School
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The year's biggest sporting event as far as the Colony's schools are concerned is the Annual Inter-School Athletic Championships arranged by the Education Department,

Although other sporting bodies have organised track meets involving inter-scholastic competition, none but the early spring athletic meet of Caroline Hill is accepted as the criterion to determine the schoolboys' skill on the cinders.

This year's competition, planned for this week, should be quite an affair, touching upon track interests of 1940-1941 day. This year's field should contain much of the keen and sporting rivalry that motivated the successes of the meets in the days gone by.

At the field this week will be many who some eight to 10 years ago rounded the tracks to achieve highest glory for self and school.

They will be there to cheer and cheer for the old Alma Mater as others before them had called and cheered when they themselves were on the tracks.

No Argument

Without argument, the greatest chapter in the history of the Colony's Inter-School Sports was that recording the meet of 1939.

The school-boy athletes of today were then only in their early teens or even less. But even they will remember that occasion, and the boys that took part in it.

They were Ronny, Bobbie Castro, Gerry Gosano of La Salle College, Agusto Sequira and Philip Tavares of St. Joseph's, Bill Hosegood, Bill Pryde and Ian Kempton of Central British School (now known as King George V School), Sin Kwock-bin of Queen's College and the boys of Wah Yip.

That was the year when the five named schools stood closely for the championships when the last and most important event of the meet—the 400, 200, 200, 400 metre relay—was called.

That was the year in which CBS's Hosegood cracked the 100 metres sprint mark, one which still stands today, when Gerry Gosano and Ron Castro of La Salle finished close together to equal the 200 metres mark, when CBS's Bill Pryde missed in 4 minutes and 40 seconds, another record that is still standing, but most of all, that classic relay just mentioned.

La Salle's relay team was then the certainty. They have beaten every other school in that race before, excepting CBS, who had

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Twenty yard separated Hosegood from Gosano with Sequira in between. Then to the hysterics of the crowd Hosegood passed

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Arrivals at Hong Kong on March 17 by the Qantas Empire Airways' Skymaster in its inaugural flight from Sydney via Darwin and Manila. ("China Mail" photo)



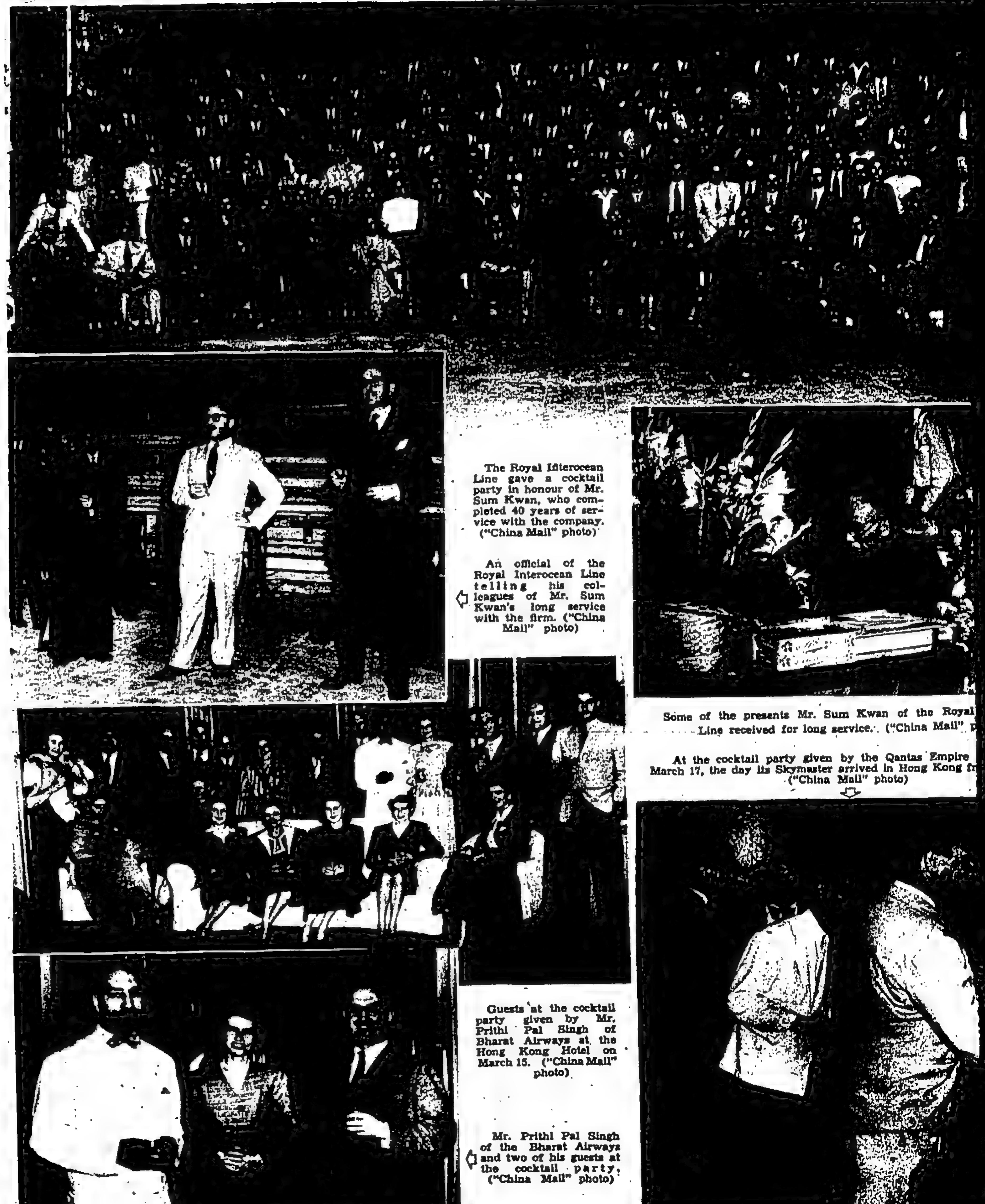
The crew who piloted the Qantas Empire Airways' Skymaster into Hong Kong from Sydney on March 17. ("China Mail" photo)

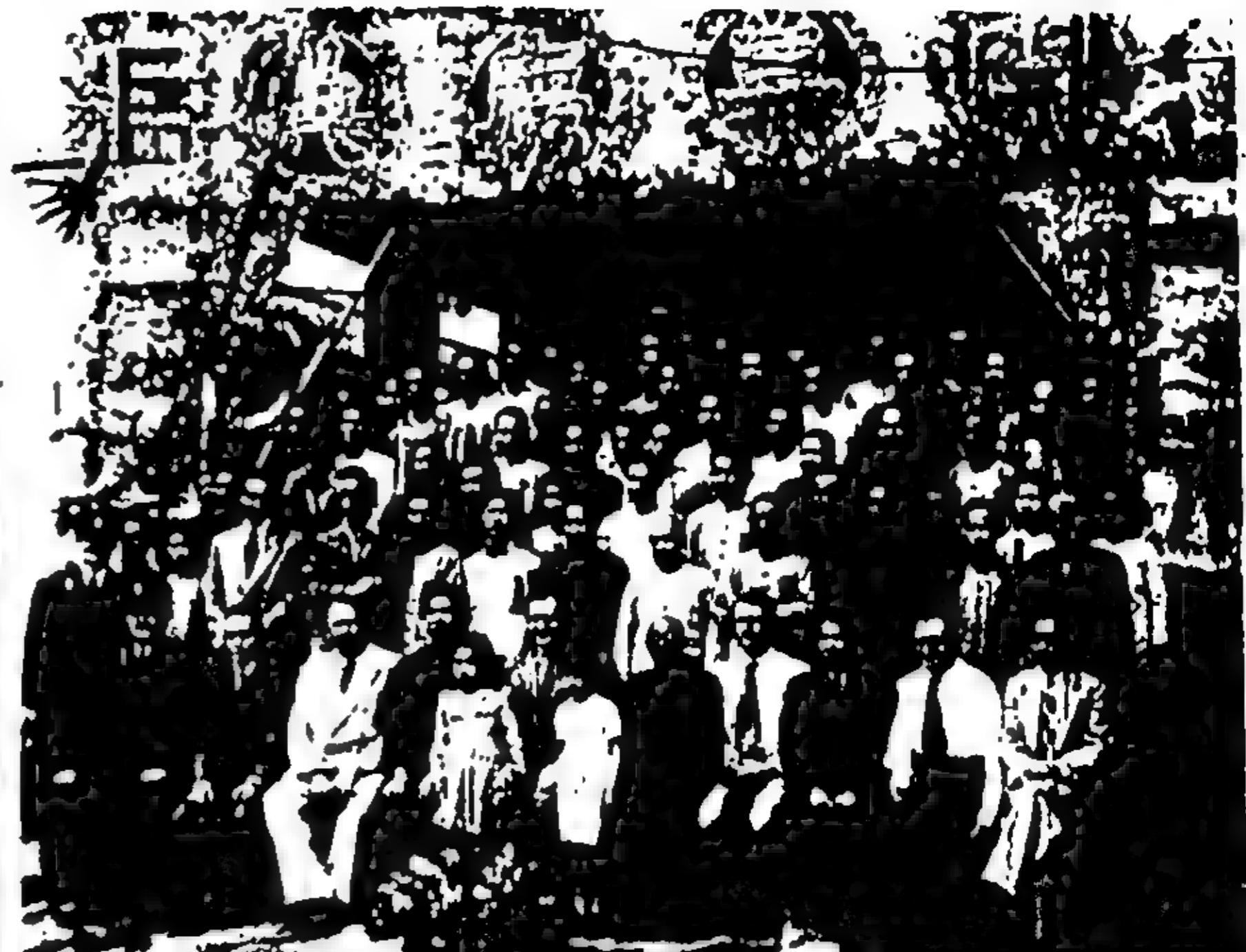


At a cocktail party given by Mr. E. Bennett Bremner, of Qantas Empire Airways at the Hong Kong Hotel on March 17. ("China Mail" photo)



Taken during Lady Grantham's visit to the Yung Hwa Studios in Kowloon on March 14.

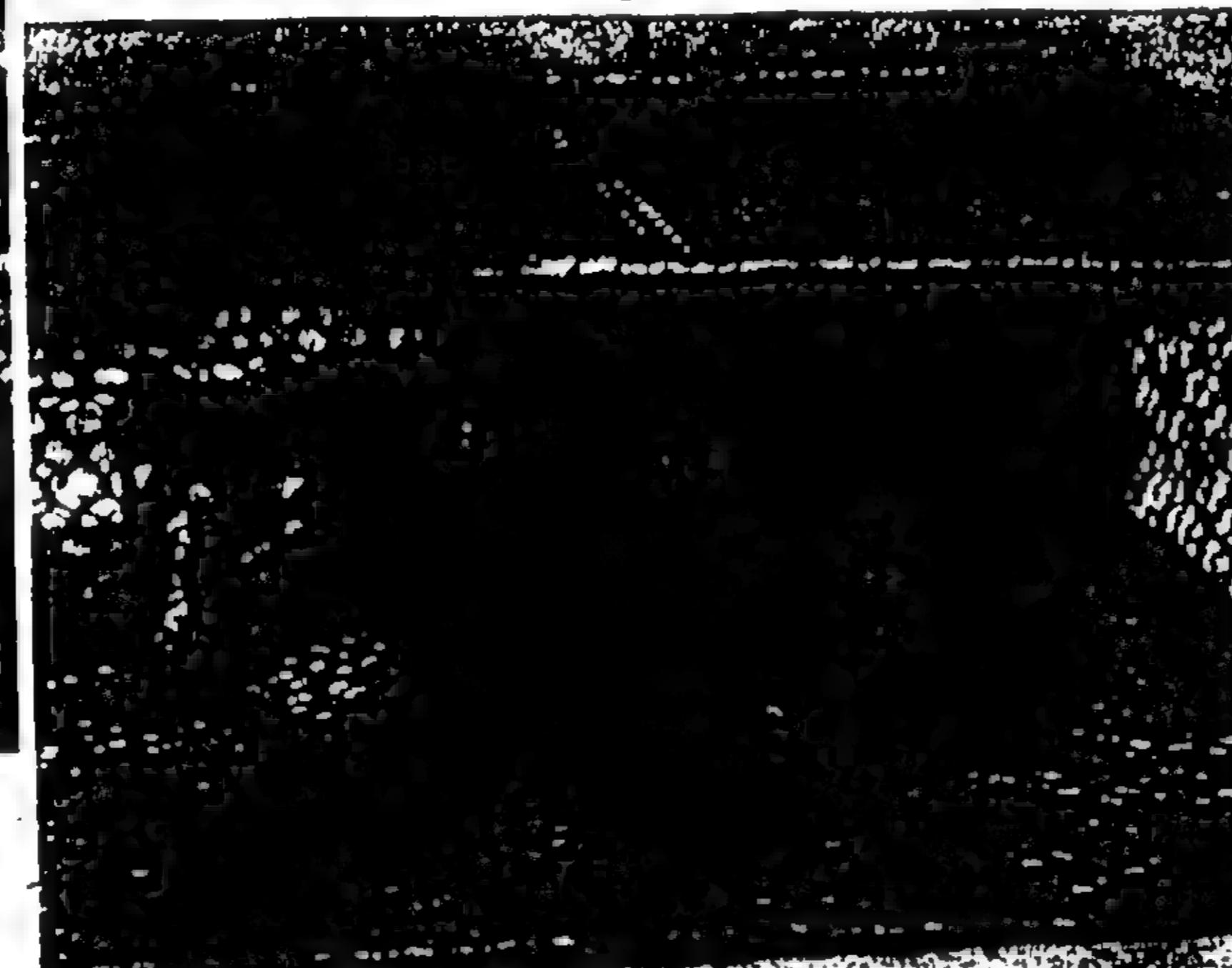




At the opening of the Tai Po Market in the New Territories
on March 14. ("China Mail" photo)



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Mr. and Mrs. Noel Edwin Arthy and friends following their wed-
ding last week. ("China Mail" photo)

Airways on
from Sydney.





Mr. and Mrs. Look Mun-sum with their guests following their wedding at the Hong Kong Hotel on March 14. (Photo by King's Studio)



Mr. Chan Wai Chuen and Miss Yan Wai were married at the Shamshui Po Church last week. (Photo by Mainland Studio)

Miss Chan Yuk-sum was married to Mr. Kwong Kin-on at the Supreme Court on March 14. (Photo by Sun Ying Ming Studio)

Mr. Basil Johnson married Miss Stella Boyce at St. John's Cathedral on March 12. ("China Mail" photo)



Mr. Tai Man-fai and Miss Yam Wan-han after their wedding on March 14. The ceremony and reception took place at the Yenking Restaurant.



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STALIN EXPECTED TO MOVE AGAINST TITO

Washington, March 22.

American officials now are convinced that Premier Stalin will make a major effort this Spring and Summer to smash the power of his ex-follower, Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia, and return that heretical state to the Communist fold.

Responsible opinion here is based mainly on two considerations:

1—One is a steady flow of rumours and reports into Washington from European capitals over several months to the effect that the Russians are preparing some heavy action against Tito.

The other is the fact that Yugoslavia stands like a gaping hole in the Red solidarity of Eastern Europe. Stalin and his Politburo colleagues will have to try to fill the hole for reasons of political and military strategy.

Whether the Soviets will be willing to resort to war—even a limited kind—in order to remove Tito is a question arousing divided speculation here.

Authorities privately say they are convinced, however, that Russia, acting through the Cominform and through the satellite states of Albania, Bulgaria and Hungary, will use internal political intrigue, economic pressure, and the threat of force to try to overthrow Tito's regime.

Troop Movements

Russia and all the satellite states have built up a steady intensifying campaign, mainly economic and propaganda, against Tito and his followers.

The agreement was reached at a private meeting a few hours before the opening of the conference on refugees called by the United Nations Conciliation Commission.

They also agreed on demands for the return of Arab refugees to Palestine.—Reuter.

Arab Request To Be Turned Down

London, March 21.

Britain will probably refuse Transjordan's request that British troops patrol the Palestine-Transjordan frontier.

The Cabinet will take a decision based on defence experts' advice, but it is not thought that the terms of Britain's treaty with Transjordan involve an automatic commitment to meet the request.

In the House of Commons today, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Foreign Under-Secretary, said that Britain, which had not been engaged in the Palestine conflict, had never considered herself burdened under the Security Council's truce resolution of May 29, prohibiting the despatch of troops or armed forces to a number of countries in the Middle East.

Good Effect

Mr. Mayhew, in his reply, added that he understood from a paper, circulated by the Security Council, that the Transjordan representative at Rhodes immediately brought to the notice of the Acting Mediator the report received from Amman that Israeli troops had violated Transjordan territory.

Mr. Janner said that Dr. Buncle, the Acting Mediator, had himself stated that the sending of troops to Akaba was a violation of the duties of a member of the United Nations.

Why had the Minister allowed the circulation of "exaggerated, lying and highly inflammable statements" to be made before any investigation had taken place?

Did he intend to assist or to destroy the peace negotiations going on in Rhodes?

Mr. Mayhew replied: "I think our action at Akaba has had an extremely beneficial effect on the negotiations for an armistice plan." Certainly exaggerated reports have been made in connection with Palestine, but not in that context, and very often in a different context altogether."

He also asked whether the sending of ad-

Albanians On Moscow Visit

London, March 21. Moscow Radio reports that an Albanian Government delegation, led by the Prime Minister, General Enver Hodja, arrived in Moscow to-day.

The Albanian delegation includes officers of the State Planning Commission and the Deputy Chief of the General Staff. They were met at the airport by the Deputy Chairman of Ministers, M. Mikoyan, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. Vyshinsky.

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Shipping Arrivals

YESTERDAY

BENCLUECH (London)	British, ex-U.K.	K. White	All
CITIC (London)	British, 2,100 tons	K. White	All
FENSTEIN (B & B)	British, 1,000 tons	K. White	All
PRESIDENT TAFT (AFL)	American, 4,450 tons	ex-Cebu, Capt. K. Gibbons	All
HAI TAN (Dongas)	Chinese	K. White	All
HONG YUAN (Douglas)	Chinese	G. G. Wharf	All
HUMAN (Dowdell)	Chinese	Yau Ma Tei	All
INCHEON (Vladivostok)	Chinese	Yau Ma Tei	All
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JADE LEAF (Mannar)	Sri Lanka	Yau Ma Tei	All
KIANG YONG (Gliman)	Chinese	Yau Ma Tei	All
KUNCHON (Dowdell)	Chinese	T. D. Cook	All
LING YUAN (K.T. Hong)	Chinese	Yau Ma Tei	All
LINH (Jin Pin Co.)	Chinese	T. D. Cook	All
LUNG ATEN (Mian Burmese)	Chinese	K. White	All
MAYON (Jardine)	Chinese	K. White	All
MOW LIN (Wheelock)	Chinese	K. White	All
NG WEI (Gliman)	Chinese	T. D. Cook	All
PAKHION (B & B)	Chinese	T. D. Cook	All
PARIHAM (Wallace)	Chinese	T. D. Cook	All
PEK (B & B)	Chinese	K. White	All
PRESC. MONROE (AFL)	American	K. White	All
HAN MIGUEL (Mannar)	Chinese	Yau Ma Tei	All
STANVIA (III) (Norway)	Norway	T. D. Cook	All
THIENHUA (Gliman)	Chinese	T. D. Cook	All
TSUCHIENG (Hull)	Chinese	K. White	All
WHANG (B & B)	Chinese	K. White	All
YUNG HAO (KD)	Chinese	K. White	All

Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

CALTEX II (Galaxy) for Canton	British	RICHMOND HILL (BD) ex-Bombay	April 20
HEINRICHS JENSEN (B & B) for Singapore	British	TAIREA (III) ex-Calcutta via Straits	April 20
HU KWANG (Galaxy) for Canton	Chinese	JAPAN	April 20
HENVOLICH (London)	British	INDIA	April 20
HENWYVIS (London)	British	EUROPE	April 20
HILL (K.T. Hong)	Chinese	INDIA	April 20
HOMA (Galaxy) for Canton	Chinese	INDIA	April 20
HUANG (Galaxy) for Canton	Chinese	INDIA	April 20
JOHN (K.T. Hong)	Chinese	INDIA	April 20
KUANG (Galaxy) for Canton	Chinese	INDIA	April 20
MAHATMA GANDHI (Galaxy) for Canton	Chinese	INDIA	April 20
PAK (B & B) for Canton	Chinese	INDIA	April 20
PARIMA (Galaxy) for Canton	Chinese	INDIA	April 20
PEK (B & B) for Canton	Chinese	INDIA	April 20
PRESC. GRANT (AFL) for Canton	American	INDIA	April 20
REED (B & B) for Canton	Chinese	INDIA	April 20
SHIEN (Galaxy) for Canton	Chinese	INDIA	April 20
TSUCHIENG (Hull)	Chinese	INDIA	April 20
YUNG HAO (KD) for Canton	Chinese	INDIA	April 20

VESSELS DUE FROM

SOUTH AFRICA

BOISSEVAIN (BD)	April 9
TELEGELING (Hull)	April 9
AMERICA	April 9
ATLANTIC COAST	April 9
CHARTINE MAURE (Johannesburg)	April 9
ROCKRIDGE (Dowdell) for New York	April 9
PIONEER MAIL (USL) for New York	April 9
PRESC. GRANT (AFL) for Canton	April 9
WALMINGHAM MAIL (Everett) for Vancouver	April 9

Vessels In Port

TODAY

AIR FRANCE ex-Sabena	11:15 a.m.
CNAC ex-Amoy via Swatow	12:45 a.m.
CPA ex-Amoy via Swatow	1:45 p.m.
CPA ex-Amoy via Swatow	2:30 p.m.
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CPA ex-Amoy via Swatow	



IP ENTERS FINAL OF TENNIS SINGLES AFTER DEFEATING TSUI

In a classical exhibition of tennis at the Cricket Club yesterday, Ip Koon-hong, the China National Champion defeated Tsui Yun-pui a former Colony Singles champion, 6-3, 8-6, 7-5, to enter the Final of the Colony Open Singles Championship.

A record crowd witnessed the titanic duel between the two giants of the local court, and although the game went only to three sets, they had quite a dishful of first class bright tennis.

Both went for point-scoring strokes and there was little of the "battling" and "pushing" that seemed to come into the game lately.

Tsui gave a much better performance than he did last year against Ip and showed that he was 10% equal at least in strategy.

Adopting entirely different tactics yesterday, he could have further extended Ip, had not his accuracy failed him and had not Ip been so deadly with his volleys.

Ip pressed home his advantage of greater agility, a more forceful repertoire of strokes, and a lightning volley to the greatest advantage. His uncanny cut drops have never been as accurate and effective as they were yesterday.

How The Games Went

Ip took the first game on his service after deuce had been called. Tsui returned to gain more inaccuracy in his deep half-court drives, which drew Ip up to mid-court. Following these up with powerful passing drives, he took the next two games to lead 2-1.

Ip now began to get the length of his drives and with beautiful follow-up cross-court volleys took the next two games to lead 4-3, and eventually 6-3 for the first set.

The second set saw Tsui drop a vital service game to let Ip lead 1-0. Tsui started to gain more inaccuracy in his deep half-court drives, which drew Ip up to mid-court.

Following these up with powerful passing drives, he took the next two games to snatch the lead 4-3.

Ip broke the series on his service and levelled up 4-4.

Tsui came back with two good services, a beautiful lob over Ip's head and a dazzling forehand drive to take the score to 5-4.

But Ip continued in the same relentless fashion facing the lightning Tsui, well back with those forceful drives and coming up to the net to deal with those returns.

Tsui's passing shots became erratic and the next three games went to the favourite, for this year's title.

In the continuation of the Club Semi-final, R. Segalov beat Heenan by 9-7.

Scores:

Colony Open Singles	
Championship Semi-final	K. H. Ip beat Tsui Yun-pui, 6-3, 8-6, 7-5.

From 2-1, the score went to 3-3 and then 5-3 in Ip's favour, mainly through Tsui's inaccuracy in his half court drives which came back to him like a boomerang.

A spell of volleying errors by Ip and some accurate, similar cross-court drives by Tsui enabled him to capture the next two games to make the score nine exciting at 5-5.

Today's Games

Colony Open Singles
Championship Semi-final
Tsui Wai-pui v Roch Leung.

Club Mixed Doubles
H. J. Armstrong and Mrs. D. F. Allen v D. Nolan and Mrs. J. B. Kite.
P. H. Bonnerman and Mrs. V. Slagter v J. D. Clague and Mrs. Clague.
E. Bathurst and Mrs. Bathurst v J. V. Sellors and Mrs. G. L. Marshall.
W. D. Cooper and Mrs. Cooper v D. L. Prophet and Mrs. Prophet.
G. Smart and Mrs. Stroobach v G. S. Coxhead and Mrs. Coxhead.

Hockey Fixtures

BUNDAY, MARCH 27

Club de Recreio v RAF: King's Park, 10 a.m.; Umpires: P. F. Xavier and Yeo Sia Matto.
HKRC v. Gains and Wireless: Boundary Street, 10 a.m.; Umpires: H/C. Parker and J. H. Blitzen.
Civil Service v Army: Sookunpo, 10 a.m.; Umpires: G. T. Palmer and Yeo Sia Matto.
Dutch HC v Khalsa: King's Park (BHNIC), 10 a.m.; Umpires: A. M. Hines and M. Dunc.
Decatur RC v Navy: King's Park (BHNIC), 10.30 a.m.; Umpires: Capt. Chinell and J. R. Cawal.
University v YMCA: Puklum Road, 10 a.m.; Umpires: E. R. Miller and J. W. Morrison.
All umpires are requested to conform to (930A, Est. 171) before 6 p.m. on Friday. Secretaries are requested to ensure prompt attendance of their teams. A maximum of ten minutes delay will be allowed. Will umpires please notify results as soon as possible after the match?

F W D L F A Pts

Club de Recreio 18 2 1 58 7 32

Army 18 2 2 61 18 29

Navy 19 2 4 48 18 23

Khalsa 18 10 4 35 18 24

R.H. Police 19 9 4 36 20 29

RAF 19 8 2 43 15 24

Civil Service 18 8 1 39 32 15

Dutch 18 6 1 26 32 13

Decatur 20 8 1 13 35 44 13

Cable & Wireless 19 4 2 32 22 17 19

Dekuyard RC 19 4 1 14 21 63 9

YMCA 16 1 0 14 8 60 2

TSU REVERSED TO SAFER MEASURES WITH LENGTH DRIVES, AND SOME LONG RALLIES WERE SEEN. IP'S ATTEMPTS TO COME UP TO THIS NET WERE MET WITH A BARRAGE OF PASSING SHOTS MOST OF WHICH FOUND THEIR TARGET. AIDED BY A FEW OVER-DRIVES AND NETTED SHOTS BY TSUI, HE TOOK THE NEXT TWO GAMES IN A ROW TO LEAD 4-3.

IP BROKE THE SERIES ON HIS SERVICE AND LEVELLED UP 4-4.

TSUI CAME BACK WITH TWO GOOD SERVICES, A BEAUTIFUL LOB OVER IP'S HEAD AND A DAZZLING FOREHAND DRIVE TO TAKE THE SCORE TO 5-4.

But IP CONTINUED IN THE SAME RELENTLESS FASHION FACING THE LIGHTNING TSUI, WELL BACK WITH THOSE FORCEFUL DRIVES AND COMING UP TO THE NET TO DEAL WITH THOSE RETURNS.

TSUI'S PASSING SHOTS BECAME ERRATIC AND THE NEXT THREE GAMES WENT TO THE FAVOURITE, FOR THIS YEAR'S TITLE.

IN THE CONTINUATION OF THE CLUB SEMI-FINAL, R. SEGALOV BEAT HEENAN BY 9-7.

Scores:

Colony Open Singles

Championship Semi-final
K. H. Ip beat Tsui Yun-pui, 6-3, 8-6, 7-5.

MEMBERS interested in lawn bowls there will be a roll-up this Sunday—March 27, at 3 p.m. at the Kowloon Cricket Club.

Those wishing to take part will please phone T. A. Madar (Tel. No. 35067) or sign the list on the notice board in the club.

THE KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB WILL BE HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON FRIDAY, MARCH 25, AT 6.30 P.M. AT THEIR CLUB HOUSE AT AUSTIN ROAD.

DURING THE YEAR THREE OF THEIR MEMBERS DIED, THEY ARE MESSRS. T. COLEMAN, M. L. HARDIE AND CAPT. E. MACHELMORE.

ALL THREE BOWLING GREENS ARE IN FIRST CLASS CONDITION, AND THEIR UPTAKE WILL BE FACILITATED BY THE RECENT ACQUISITION OF A HEAVY RAKE.

A GRASS TENNIS COURT HAS BEEN LAID OUT AND FITTED UP. IT IS HOPE THAT MEMBERS AND THEIR FRIENDS WILL MAKE INCREASING USE OF THIS NEW AMENITY DURING THE COMING YEAR.

THE PAST SEASON MARKED THE OPENING OF POST-WAR LEAGUE BOWLS IN THE COLONY. A CLUB TEAM WAS ENTERED IN EACH OF THE TWO DIVISIONS OF THE LEAGUES, AND BOTH TEAMS WERE MODERATELY SUCCESSFUL.

IN THE COLONY CHAMPIONSHIP, KBGC'S ONLY SUCCESS, AND THAT ONLY PARTIAL, WAS GAINED BY A RINK COMPOSED OF E. F. POPE, E. A. ATKINS, G. E. F. THOMPSON AND L. SYKES, WHO WERE RUNNERS UP IN THE OPEN RINKS.

A COLONY INTERPORT TEAM WENT TO SHANGHAI IN SEPTEMBER, AND ONE OF THE MEMBERS, L. SYKES, HAD THE HONOUR OF SKIPPING THE HONG KONG TEAM IN EACH OF THE INTERPORT MATCHES. R. P. PHILLIPS WAS MANAGER OF THE VICTORIOUS HONG KONG TEAM.

THE ANNUAL MATCHES WITH THE KCC FOR THE LIBERATION SHIELD RESULTED IN NARROW VICTORY FOR THE BOWLING GREEN BY 4 SHOTS.

FRIENDLY MATCHES AGAINST THE HKVDC, AND THE VARIOUS NATIONAL AND COUNTY SOCIETIES RESULTED IN UNJOYABLE GAMES FOLLOWED BY VERY PLEASANT SOCIAL EVENINGS.

THE CLUB COMPETITIONS WERE WELL SUPPORTED AND CONGRATULATIONS ARE EXTENDED TO THE NEW CHAMPION, A. L. G. EASTMAN, WHO WAS SUCCESSFUL IN THE FINAL AGAINST J. McKEVILLE.

OTHER WINNERS WERE AS FOLLOWS. PRESIDENT'S CUP—C. DOWNMAN, VICE PRESIDENT'S CUP—J. McKEVILLE.

NON PRIZEWINNER TROPHY—L. G. COOMBER.

PALMER—W. H. BAILEY AND V. H. CHITTENDEN.

TRIPLE—W. F. SIMPSON, J. HEMPSHIRE & H. P. SHIELDS.

HONOR PRIZE—KOWLOON DOCKS (J. MCNAULIE & R. MORRISON).

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